

# Hluhluwe-Umfolozi Park



## Further Links

- Good variety of wildlife.
- Big Five safaris.
- One of the best places to see rhinos.

## Situation

Hluhluwe-Umfolozi is a game reserve in KwaZulu Natal.

## Activities

Wildlife viewing (self-drive or guided); walking safaris; birdwatching.

The Hluhluwe-Umfolozi Park is renowned for its variety of animal and bird life, and a varying landscape of valleys, hills, forests, rivers, thicket and savannah. Besides the "Big 5" - rhino, elephant, lion, buffalo, and leopard - elusive cheetah, wild dog and many other bushveld species inhabit the park.

The park covers 96 000 hectares, and comprises three sections: the former Hluhluwe and Umfolozi reserves proclaimed in 1895 along with St. Lucia Game Reserve making them South Africa's, indeed Africa's oldest game reserves. For many years the three reserves were managed as one large protected area, formerly known as the Hluhluwe-Umfolozi Complex. Hluhluwe is characterised by scenic, hilly terrain, while Umfolozi's drier open bushveld has its own appeal.

It is one of the best places in the world to see rhinos (both black and white) since conservationists at this park were the main force behind stopping their extinction. The Natal Parks Board's famous Rhino Capture Unit is based here.

Self-drive safaris, walking trails and night drives are all available.